

DDP Special Services workgroup: initial meeting via conference call 1/19/2016

On the call:

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We had some preliminary discussion around the draft Recommended Guiding Principles for Special Services Programs that Gerry has been developing as part of his contract with DDP. Gerry shared his most current draft document with the group today.

The group members agreed to read through this draft and try to identify whether the major activities could likely be funded through existing services (Medicaid state plan or 0208 waiver). Workgroup members were asked to get "bullet point" feedback to the group via email before our next call.

Questions/issue bin:

How could ongoing consultation for providers and individual planning teams be accessed and funded on an ongoing basis (for example consultation from Gerry on re-assessment of individuals in services utilizing the tools that provider staff have been trained to use). The existing provider training grants were discussed and we would need to determine if there would be any other DDP funded avenues for training or if that would be part of the program costs included in waiver service rates.

How might our existing waiver funded Behavior Support Services be utilized for assessment, plan development and implementation? Would the waiver definition or qualified provider definitions need to be expanded?

Do we need to have required intervals for ongoing reassessment or is this something individual teams would determine based on the person being supported? What are the barriers to getting these assessments done?

Next meeting (via conference call) February 11, 2016

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